

University of Virginia May Play Harvard Football

BRESNAHAN'S CLAIM MAY GET INTO COURTS

James C. Jones, President of Cards, Says Duke May Have Fight if He Wants It—Willing to Abide by League's Decision.

"The report that the National League will not permit the dispute between James C. Jones, President of Cards, and the St. Louis club to be taken to the courts is incorrect," said James C. Jones, President of Cards, today.

"The case has been referred to the National League board of directors," Jones said, "and the board has the right to decide the case in its favor. Now, what I want to say is that we are perfectly willing to abide by the decision of the directors, provided Bresnahan will abide himself in advance to do the same."

"The board of directors consists of August Herrmann, of Cincinnati; Harry D. Bassett, of Pittsburgh; Charles E. Bennett, of Brooklyn; C. W. Murphy, of Chicago; and Cornelius Sullivan, of New York. Sullivan is a New York lawyer, who has taken Bresnahan's place on the board. The case will be heard next Monday."

"The National League did not order us to settle this case. The other seven club owners are not trying to coerce anybody. They want it settled on its merits, and if both parties are not satisfied with the ruling of the directors there is nothing to prevent an appeal to the civil courts."

"We are trying to protect Mrs. Britton's rights. She owns the St. Louis ball club, stock and backage, and has the inalienable right to discharge any employee of the concern, contract or no contract, provided she thinks said employee is jeopardizing the interests of the club. If Mrs. Britton wronged Bresnahan by breaking his contract, and Roger can prove that she damaged him without good and sufficient cause, he has an excellent bill of complaint against the lady. I presume she understands that herself."

"We know our ground thoroughly, and will show good and sufficient reasons for terminating Bresnahan's contract when called upon to do so."

"One thing I want to make plain: the St. Louis club is not going to try this case in the newspapers."

"I appreciate the fact that the fans are tremendously interested. Some people sympathize with Bresnahan and are cursing him simply because it isn't on us to show our hand right now. But everything will come out in the wash, if Bresnahan really wants a fight, and then the fans can judge for themselves who is right and who is wrong."

J. FRANKLIN BAKER IS TIMELIEST BATSMAN

Athletics, Third Baseman Drives in 133 Runs in 149 Games, Averaging Nearly One Run a Contest—Larry Napoleon Lajoie Is Second in Averages.

John Franklin Baker, hero of the world's series of 1911, was the timeliest hitter in the American League last season, leading the Johnnies not only in the number of runs batted in, but having also a higher percentage of runs batted in the game than any other player in the junior organization. Connie Mack's third baseman, participating in 149 contests, drove in 133 tallies, which was eleven less than was batted home in 1911 by Ty Cobb, Chalmers' Trophy winner for that year, and thirty-five more than Ty Cobb, who won the Chalmers' trophy in 1912, batted home this past season.

Baker might have equaled Cobb's 1911 record had the pitchers not been so many batters on balls to him when conditions looked dark for them. A man who failed to pass Baker on purpose, and who probably now wishes that he had done so, was Tom Hughes of Washington, for Baker, by making a home run off him, took a leading part in shattering Washington's hopes of equalling Providence's record of twenty straight victories.

Most of the runs that Baker drove in were recorded through the medium of safe hits. He hit in 117 contests on drives that boosted his batting average, eight on sacrifice flies that didn't affect it and twelve on infield cuts that hurt it.

Three other players—Duffy Lewis, of Boston; Sam Crawford, of Detroit; and Jack McInnis, of Philadelphia—who batted home two or more runs in 1912, were runners up to Baker, respectively, 111, 105 and 104. This speaker, of Boston, adjudged by a jury of writers the American League's most valuable player, batted in ninety-eight tallies and found a place on the team of Johnnies cleverest at clotting at the right moment. This team would have as its battery Hall, of Boston, and Starnes, of Detroit, as its infielders, Gammill, of Washington; Lajoie, of Cleveland; Baker, of Philadelphia; and McInnis, of Philadelphia.

UNCLE SAM GETS GOOD HORSE

New York, December 16.—In line with his promise made at the sportsmen's dinner last year to give a number of stallions and mares to the United States government for breeding purposes, August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, announced today that he had shipped from Lexington, Ky., to the government farm at Front Royal, Va., the brown gelding Dandy Rock, by Rock Sand—Jenna Mia. Dandy Rock is a perfectly built and well suited to be used for breeding purposes.

The French government has just paid Mr. Belmont \$5000 (about \$7500) for the ten American stallions and mares. This is the largest sum ever paid for such animals.

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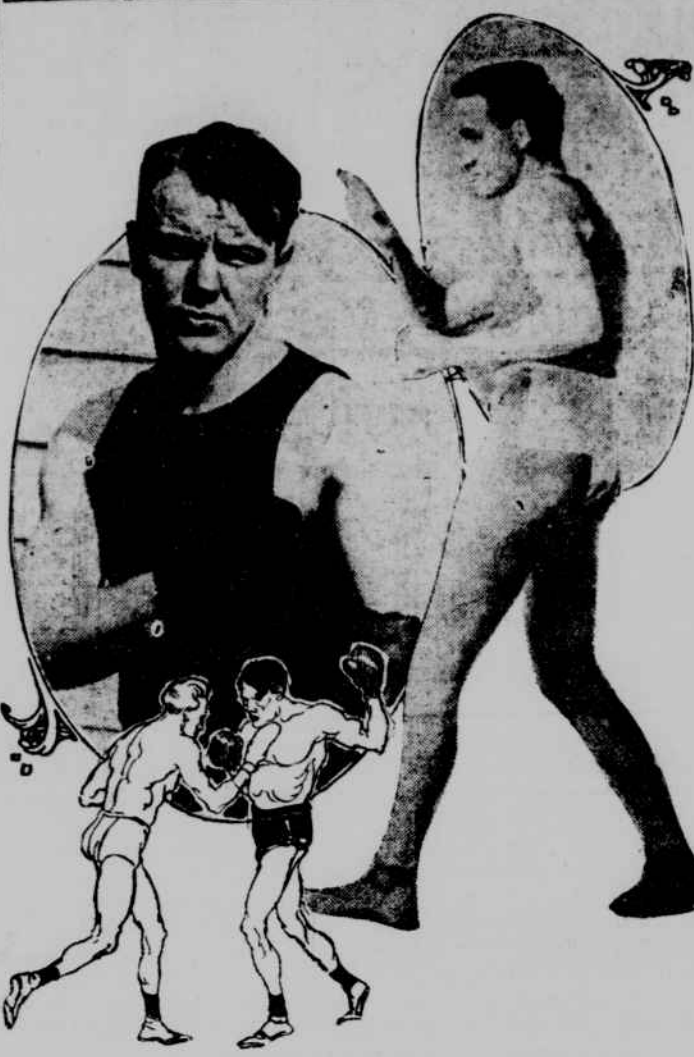
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Eddie McGorty and Mike Gibbons



McGorty got the popular decision in their recent bout, though several experts regarded the match as a draw.

In the Wake of the Game

By GUS MALBERT

Charlie Strain is to wear a Richmond uniform next season. That much is settled. The local graduate from the sandlots has given his assurance to Secretary Bradley that he is only waiting for the season to roll in to make good, and that he can get back into action. Rumor had it that Charles was going to Washington to accept a position with the Potomac Electric Power Company and would be a member of the Peoplo team next season. In fact, Strain was himself responsible for this rumor. He told friends of his that he had given up professional baseball and would drift back to the sandlots. Whether his story was intended as a threat at folding out is not known. Anyway, the news that he will again be a coit will be gladly received. He is spending the winter keeping himself in condition, and is growing fat on the job. Strain will make good, and if he keeps up his work of improvement is destined for company where the work is lighter and the pay larger.

Strain's success last year, and there is no reason to believe that he will not have a better one next season.

This is to introduce the great unknown. We know that he has signed a contract, and that he is a somebody knows his name. But we are not in the confidence of the one who knows. The unknown is a hurler. He is the sixth-footer, can outpitch any hurler who ever earned his bread and butter hurling, and won a vast majority of his games last season. He comes from the country, Ohio, the winter resort of our own Stephen P. Griffin. This brings the hurling staff up to six.

Griffin says that he will have at least nine flunkers to pick from when the season begins. He advises this in a letter. Now that he has Hargrave, Hargrave, who left here not in the best of health, is another contributor to the winter league. He writes that he was never in better condition, and that comeback is his middle name. He expects, at least, to be admitted to have the best season of his career next year. All of which is good news.

Clark Griffin evidently expects to take Doc Avers to Charlottesville in the spring. He has written Secretary Bradley asking for the job. Griffin's address and some other details regarding him. If the Hillville ball doesn't make good in the big top we will be disappointed. He has every attribute of a great pitcher. Just one thing is needed, and the big boy has sense enough to know it. His big job will be keeping his eye to the ground and letting everything else go. But should he not make good, a rather remote contingency—Richmond is promised first crack at his services. As much as we would like to see him in a local uniform, we hope that he shows enough from the jump to warrant his retention on the Climbers.

Work at the new ball yard is being somewhat delayed because of a deal which is on for the purchase of certain material at Lee Park. The first while home of the United States League contains much timber which can be used to advantage in constructing the new home of the Climbers, and until final action is reached the work can be done. Rather comprehensive plans for improving the new diamond have been worked out by Secretary Bradley and Parkhurst's Hester. There is considerable filling in to be done. Fortunately there is enough good turf at hand to complete the work of grading the diamond. The field will be raised above the rest of the ground and filled with good solid earth. Also the corners at first and third bases will be cut in concrete, rather than at the old yard. This will be a great help to the infield, allowing the men at those two corners to play deeper, taking the ball on the intended part instead, as was the case last season, of having to race in and take a chance on the throwback error.

Little has been heard from the other side of the circuit. No changes in management, with the exception of Newport News, have been noted. Charlie Shaffer, former coach of the club, is certain to be back in Norfolk. Heine Hunch can have the Petersburg team if he wants it, though he has signed no contract. Buck Freeman, the Duke West Pilot, will be back in Roanoke. Griffin will be here. Joe Laughlin last season expressed a desire to play with the local club.

AMATEURS WILL MEET SHORTLY

Preparations for Next Season to Be Under Way After Holiday Season.

A meeting of the Amateur Baseball Commission will be held shortly for the purpose of mapping out the work of the sandlots for next season. President John H. Hill and Secretary John R. Hooper, Jr., have agreed that work should be begun at once so that accumulated business may be attended to before spring arrives. While it is yet the bleak and dreary winter, these officials, time flies all too fast, and the several leagues will be expected to ask protection early.

While matters have been allowed to drift along, and will probably remain in status quo until after the holidays, considerable thought has been given suggested changes in the rules by both the president and secretary of the commission. Nothing radical along this line has been anticipated, but several minor changes are essential. Particularly is this true in regard to the intercity series.

The season will start probably with several leagues in class A. Dr. William H. Parker will organize a league, of which he will be president. The Capital City League will again be in the field, and the Old Dominion League will in all probability be greatly strengthened. Besides the leagues of highest classification, there will be a number in the list of lower classification. It is not the idea of the officials to hurry matters, but they want to be prepared when the first touch of spring calls the baseball clubs into action.

FAIL TO TAKE UP FOOTBALL DATES

Virginia's Athletic Advisory Board Defers Action Until Northern Colleges Reply.

Charlottesville, Va., December 16.—The advisory board of the University of Virginia Athletic Association did not meet tonight for lack of a quorum. It is understood that the football management is awaiting letters from one or more Northern teams, and that this was the principal reason for the failure of the board to get together tonight to arrange next year's schedule.

It is rumored tonight that the Virginia schedule next season will include a game with Harvard at Cambridge. Whether this means that Princeton's offer for a game at Princeton on October 11 will be declined is not certain. It is not believed that both of these big Eastern teams will be taken on the same year. The Harvard-Vanderbilt game attracted a crowd of 12,000, and there is no reason to believe that Virginia will not draw equally as well.

GREAT STORE FOR BROAD STREET

Cleveland Men Apply for Charter to Operate Department Store on North Side.

Nelson & Nelson, local attorneys, acting for a group of Cleveland, Ohio, business men, have applied to the State Corporation Commission for a charter to operate a department store in the large building now under construction on Broad Street, between Third and Fourth. The structure is on the north side of the street, and is under contract to be completed by February 1. S. Weisberger is president of the operating syndicate, which will be known as the Weisberger Company. The company will start business on January 1 with a paid-in capital of \$100,000. The other officers will be C. K. Sunshine, vice-president, and Albert Kramer, secretary. All of the officers are from Cleveland.

The building is a modern fireproof structure, comprising four floors and a basement, with a total floor space of 32,000 feet. The men behind the new enterprise expect to occupy the premises early next spring, depending upon the date the building is made ready for occupancy. The tentative opening date has been fixed for March 1.

Both Mr. Weisberger and Mr. Kramer, it was stated yesterday, will take up their permanent residence in this city. The new store will employ approximately 200 people, and will carry a complete line of department store merchandise.

Welch Wins Decision. London, December 16.—Fred Welch, the English fighter, defended his title of light-weight champion of England to-night in a twenty-round bout against Hugh McGeachy, the Australian light-weight champion, before the National Sporting Club. Welch won the decision.

Costello on All-Southern Team.

Callers of this week will carry the following all-Southern football eleven. Costello, of Georgetown, is quarter back on the first eleven, while Carter, of Virginia, is given guard on the second eleven.

ALL-SOUTHERN FOOTBALL ELEVEN.
(By Nathan P. Stauffer.)

FIRST ELEVEN.
End, Gillen, of Sewanee.
Tackle, T. Brown, of Vanderbilt.
Guard, Burns, of Auburn.
Center, Lambert, of Texas.
Quarter, Barker, of Mississippi.
Full Back, Van de Graaf, of Alabama.
Half Back, Hardage, of Vanderbilt.
Line, Hensle, of A. & M. Wisc.

AUT CLUB WILL HELP BOOST FOR AUTOSHOW

Local Organization Names Committee for Purpose of Plugging Big Exhibition to Be Held Here in February.

Unlike the seven Governors who conspired to "knock" the time-tried Republican party, the seven members of the Richmond Automobile Club named last night at an enthusiastic meeting held in the club rooms in the Jefferson Hotel will not knock, but will boost with all their might the automobile show which will be held in this city in February.

The "boosters" named as a special committee were J. T. Palmatier, James A. Kline, Sam Cohen, T. B. Hutchison, Moses Thalhimer, Louis Kaufman and W. W. Wilson. This committee has the honor to delegate the boosting spirit to other members of the club, and what they will do towards acquainting the people of Virginia with the importance of the coming auto show will be a plenty.

Dr. W. W. Miller and R. W. Miller were received into membership. Enthusiasm ran riot when H. Crim Peck, Virginia representative at the American Automobile Association meeting in Chicago, reported how the big convention was secured for Richmond in 1913. Plans for the entertainment of the visitors were left in the hands of Preston Belvin, H. Crim Peck, Rufus Williams and Sam Cohen.

The most important thing to Virginia automobilists and users of public highways in reference to the 1913 convention was the American Automobile Association will be a meeting of the association in Washington just a day or so previous to the Richmond meeting, in conjunction with the Good Roads Convention, at which time matters in reference to good roads will be discussed in detail.

It is probable that the Washington meeting will develop plans for a pipeline between Washington and Richmond, and between Richmond and Charlottesville, while it is hoped to perfect plans to do away with the toll system on the Valley Turnpike, which has always been a great annoyance to tourists and automobilists parties.

The auto show to be held here in February will use all of the space in the Horseshoe Building, Manufacturers of autos and auto trucks will be represented by a display of their products, while accessory firms will also display their wares. The spacious hall will be attractively decorated, and there will be special events each evening during the week's show which will be of interest. Arrangements are being made to have regular band concerts, and to make the show a social as well as a business event, which will linger long in the memory of visitors who will be attracted to the show from every part of Virginia and from adjacent States.

The 1913 Richmond auto show will be one of the largest and most comprehensive displays of the automobile industry to be held in the South, and will rival in many instances the Madison Square Garden show.

AMUSEMENTS.

City Auditorium—"The Messiah," by the Wednesday Club.
Academy—Dark.
Bijou—"The Gambler and the Police."

Hotel—Vanderbilt.
Empire—More Musical Comedy.
Lubin—Vanderbilt.

Heck! Here Come a Lecceman!
Aha! Little did you know, "Gib the Blood," what was in store for you and "Lefty Louie" and the rest of you gonoffs when you croaked Rosenthal. You thought that even if they rapped you for bumping off the knight of the round wheel you would draw only a speedy death in the electric chair. And now look what has happened to you! Kilmot & Gazzo have got you and are showing you up at the Bijou this week, holding you up to ridicule, laughing at you, butchering you, twanking your heart strings to make a holiday week stand.

And you, Strong-Arm Becker, when you sent word down the line, had you heard that Kilmot & Gazzo were going to put on "The Gambler and the Police"? Surely you had not, or you would have let Rosenthal squeal to the district attorney, and would have taken your medicine.

Foolish, trusting men, who threw dice only with death and took no account of Kilmot & Gazzo, you are winning the wages of sin in the cruellest caricature that ever made a revengeful public laugh.

For "The Gambler and the Police" is the most amusing farce that has been seen in Richmond in many a day. Becker—in the farce, who is hiding, sometimes Mecker, sometimes Mecker—is represented by a little man with gray hair and a timid manner, who wears a frock coat and a broad ribbon to his eyeglasses. Later, this little man doubles as an old drunkard, who appears in the play because he is on the program. A patrolman, wearing a helmet that would out-date in New York, comes on in the last act as the driver of the murder car. One short, fat youngster enters Rosenthal's gambling rooms, which are elaborately furnished with tables and chairs belonging to the house, wearing an anachronistic suit, and a pair of hair brushes, and then sneezes. In the next act this man sheds his beard and becomes a genial "Gib the Blood," who, in some sort of den, nods to Mose Stein and bursts into song without invitation. There is also a musical comedy melody, neither musical nor comic, who sings "With a Song—this is in Mecker's house, just after Rosenthal has gone out with the affidavits that will disgrace a plain clothes man who is the sweetheart of Mecker's adopted daughter. Mecker loves the girl, too, just as if she were his real daughter, even though he does steal \$40.00 from her.

Still, he has to save himself, so he consents to her marriage with Rosenthal, who has a wife already, only her name is Mrs. Wayburn. There I got lost, but understood everything during the last act, except all of the first part of it. Rosenthal comes on in front of the Metropolitan's "cafay," as he calls it, and—But, before that, or just then, "Lefty Louie" sees the girl. Then "Whitey Louie" sees a big, black automobile, who can hear the horn roll up outside. Then everybody has got a cadet uniform this time, and has just a cadet uniform with the mads, who naturally wears her house clothes out of doors. "Gib the Blood" says that the big, gray automobile is the very thing, and then he hides. Rosenthal comes back to find the girl, and go away, or to smoke, or something. The plain clothes men enter, says he won't let anybody—think he said that, but the house was laughing so I couldn't hear him distinctly—and takes the girl in his arms. And the curtain falls with a chuckle.

It is all indescribably ludicrous. One may deserve high praise: Marcus F. Hoofs, a real actor, tried to play his ridiculous plain-clothes man seriously, and succeeded in restraining his laughter throughout the performance.

If you want to see melodrama burlesqued until your sides ache, don't miss "The Gambler and the Police."

W. Douglas Gordon.

CONFERENCE WITH CHANCE DELAYED

New York, December 16.—Negotiations for the engagement of Frank Chance as manager of the New York American League baseball team were further delayed today when a message was received from Chance stating that he would be unable to meet Frank Farrell, the owner of the team, in Chicago Thursday. Farrell is trying to arrange for a late conference.

Big Act at the Colonial.
"Onaip" is the feature of this week's bill at the Colonial, presenting one of the cleverest theatrical "illusion" acts in vaudeville. He seats one of his men before the keyboard of a piano—spell "piano" backwards—plans him playing, removes the piano stool, then all the supports, apparently, and then causes the whole arrangement, man and piano, to revolve vertically, while the man plays on. It can't be done, but he does it.

The Shillings offer a good sharp-shooting act. Others on the bill are Pavie Trey, a black-face comedian; Parnum & Delmar in a stupid sketch, and the Harrison Trio, a man and two women, doing nothing in particular. And every one who appears on the stage and gives a box of candy to every one of the millions of children who, at the close of the performance, are guided to the stage by the smiling ushers.

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